

WOMAN AFLAME STARTS PANIC IN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mrs. Weissbach Drops Oil Can on Stove and Pupils See Her Burning.

GIRLS SHOUT "FIRE!"

Start Rush Which Is Halted by Teacher's Voice and Coolness of Boys.

The shock of a kerosene explosion which blew out the windows of the fourth floor rear flat at No. 186 Avenue B, and the sight of a young woman sheeted in flame, started a panic just before the noon recess to-day among the nine hundred pupils in Public School No. 128.

The school is in Twelfth street. It rear faces the rear of No. 186 Avenue B. The explosion and the desperate plight of the young woman, who was known to many of the pupils, set off scores of little girls into hysterics, so that it was with great difficulty that Principal Josephine E. Rogers, Assistant Principal Rosalie Haggie and their twenty-seven teachers calmed them and restored quiet.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Weissbach, twenty-three years old, was the victim of the explosion. Her husband Oscar, who is a clothing cutter out of work, has been ill in bed several days with tonsillitis. Their two-year-old child William is also ill.

Falls on Stove.

The husband called out to his wife to bring him oil for his lamp, so that he could read in his dark bedroom. Mrs. Weissbach started for the bedroom with the can of kerosene, but in passing the stove she slipped on the zinc guard and fell. As she fell she dropped the can of kerosene upon the hot stove.

Before the young woman could scram- ble to her feet the can exploded, showering her with flaming oil. She stood for a moment framed in the window frame from head to foot. As she sank to the floor in a pool of blazing oil her screams could be heard throughout the tenement and across the rear yards in the twenty-seven class rooms of the school.

The sick husband rushed into the kitchen with blankets, wrapped the burning woman in them and carried her out in the hallways. Mrs. Gluckman, a neighbor, ran in and carried out the sick child. George Miller, a brother of Mrs. Weissbach, who lives on the floor below, put out the fire in the kitchen by smothering it with Mrs. Gluckman's wet wash.

Mrs. Weissbach's nine-year-old brother Eddie was among the pupils of Class 2B, the members of which were directly in back of the Weissbach flat. The class was in charge of Miss Leffkovitz and Miss Rogers and Miss Haggie were passing through the corridor when the explosion occurred.

Saw Her Fall.

Two little girls, who were being punished, were standing by the window with their classes on the window sill. They saw Mrs. Weissbach fall and immediately followed so quickly that they screamed "Fire" and rushed back into the room. Another little girl who jumped up yelled back to Eddie Miller, "Eddie, your sister's on fire."

This started a shrill chorus of yells that echoed throughout the schoolroom. In every one of the twenty-seven rooms a shout of "Fire" was taken up by the little girls.

The boys, however, did not give way to panic and obeyed the commands of their teachers not to leave their seats. Assistant Principal Haggie had a big contralto voice and her commands to the children to calm themselves soon soothed the hysterical youngsters. The teacher in every classroom locked the doors and prevented the excited youngsters from getting out into the corridors.

Meanwhile an ambulance had been called to No. 186 Avenue B. Surgeon Sweeney found that Mrs. Weissbach had been terribly burned and when he took her to Bellevue he said that there was little hope of her recovery.

PAINTER SHOOTS HIMSELF.

White Plains Man Had Been in Financial Difficulties.

Louis Jensen of White Plains, a house painter, ended his life this afternoon by shooting himself in the temple. He left the office shortly before noon and went to his boarding-house at No. 5 Madison avenue. Shortly after Mrs. Harvey Briggs, who conducts the house, heard a pistol shot and soon found Jensen lying on the floor, and found him slumped over in the head.

According to the police, Jensen and his brother Hans had been in financial difficulties, and this is believed to have been the only cause for his suicide. Jensen has a wife and child in Germany.

THIS IS GOING SOME.

Boy, Five Days Old, Invited to See Gov. Wilson Inaugurated.

James Clark O'Donnell, aged five days, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terence H. O'Donnell of East Newark, received a big official envelope by mail this morning. Opening it, he read:

"The Joint Committee on Inauguration of the Senate and General Assembly request the honor of your presence at the inauguration of the Honorable Woodrow Wilson as Governor of the State of New Jersey on Tuesday the 10th day of January, 1911, at 12 o'clock noon at the Taylor House Hotel, Newark. Speaker Edward Kenny of Hudson County is responsible for this story, as we sent the invitation."

Taking No Chances.

"The world will be asked at the World's Information Bureau, Political and Economic, 100 Broadway, New York City, or at the offices of the Goodyear Raincoat Co., 381 Broadway, bet. 12th & 13th Sts., Cor. 22d St. & B'way (Flatiron Bldg.) Don't Be Moody. These Are Our Only Stores."

All lost or found articles advertised in the World will be held at the World's Information Bureau, Political and Economic, 100 Broadway, New York City, or at the offices of the Goodyear Raincoat Co., 381 Broadway, bet. 12th & 13th Sts., Cor. 22d St. & B'way (Flatiron Bldg.) for 30 days following the printing of the advertisement."

"Do so." agreed Mrs. Malaprop. "That's why I always turn my class down when they begin to pour it."

PURDY CALLS PERSONAL TAX BLOOD MONEY

Refers to General Property Levy Which Often Misses Rich and Hits the Poor.

\$5,000,000 ASKED BY TAFT AS START TO FORTIFY CANAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—President Taft to-day sent to Congress a special message urging the fortification of the Panama Canal and recommending that an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the initiation of the work on the proposed

defenses be made at the present session of Congress.

He forwarded with the message the report of the special army and navy board, recommending fortification of the canal.

"The canal, when completed," said the President in his message, "will afford the only coastwise route for communications between our Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and virtually will be a part of the coast line of the United States. Its assured possession and control will contribute to our peace, safety and prosperity as a nation."

"In my judgment it is the right and the duty of the United States to fortify and make safe the Panama Canal, which that will bear a vital relation to its welfare, and that is being created solely by it and at an expenditure of enormous sums."

"I have authorized the submission to the Secretary of the Treasury of the revised estimate for the appropriation re-

flected to in the accompanying letter of the Secretary of War, which estimate is less than the original estimate by approximately one-third."

HIS DIVORCE DECREE ANSWERS WIFE'S SUIT.

Matrimonial Mixup Follows Production of Missouri Judgment.

Against Mrs. Barton.

A peculiar matrimonial mixup came to light in the Supreme Court this afternoon when Justice Goff granted the application of Homer Barton to file, as a supplemental answer to the suit for separation brought by his wife, Katherine, a decree of divorce granted to her in Missouri.

Mrs. Barton brought her suit for

separation a year ago, and when she returned to the country and came to New York last March the Court denied it. Twelve days later Barton got a divorce decree against her by default in Missouri, alleging she had abandoned him.

While Justice Goff says there is nothing to show Mrs. Barton was ever served with process in the divorce suit, he allows it to stand against her action provided Barton furnished a bond for \$100,000 to be paid to her in case she eventually wins out. He also said that Mrs. Barton may renew her application to the court for alimony upon obtaining permission from the Justice who denied her former motion for alimony.

ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY.
Sun rises, 7:30 A.M.; moon sets, 5:11 P.M.
THE TIDES
High Water, A.M. Low Water, P.M.
Sunday High 6:25 6:00 12:10 12:00
Garrison's Island 6:25 6:00 12:10 12:00
Half Tide 7:15 7:50 1:20 1:40

MARGARET MURTHA 5 SHERMAN SQUARE ONLY

1ST ST. AND BROADWAY
Important Sale Thursday, 12th, and Friday, 13th,
1 LOT LINGERIE DRESSES, \$5.99
Value \$15.00 and \$22.00
1 LOT LINGERIE DRESSES, \$9.50
Value \$22.00 to \$48.00
1 LOT LINGERIE NIGHT GOWNS, \$2.50
CHEMISES, \$1.98 DRAWERS, \$2.50

MAIL ORDERS FILLED SAME DAY RECEIVED

We Redeem Soap Wrappers, Tobacco Tags, Tobacco Certificates, Etc., for Liberty Trading Stamps. Visit Premium Parlor, Fifth Floor.

Double Liberty Trading Stamps Until 1 o'Clock, Single Stamps Thereafter 100 Old-Fashioned Friday Bargains



25,000 Men's 2 for 25c Linen Collars To-morrow

Every collar one of America's largest makers had on hand, many of them classified as seconds. The biggest purchase made this season and the most important. Included are all the newest and best styles shown this season, and even those classified as seconds—even an expert would find it hard to detect the flaw. They are practically as good for wear as any 2 for 25c collar you can buy in any haberdashery in town. The new turn down, high medium, low roll and standing collar; all sizes. Don't miss this sale. It is so unusual it cannot be duplicated again in months. Buy the year's supply at less than $\frac{1}{2}$ price.



Drastic Clearance Boys' Clothing Every Garment in Stock at About $\frac{1}{2}$ Price

Read these items over carefully. Every parent should be interested—an opportunity to buy high-class clothing at less than wholesale. One of those rare instances where you may buy two garments for the price of one.

Boys' \$2.50 Reefers, 99c	49c to \$1.00 Blouses 15c	Boys' Sailor & Russian Suits; \$2.50 \$1.55 value, 59c Knicker Pants 39c	Boys' \$1.98 Overcoats 99c
Maine Smelis Large fresh caught Maine smelis, retail everywhere at inc. 10c; very special Friday, 3 25c lbs., (Sixth Floor.)	Odds and Ends in Boys' Blouse Waists. They are slightly soiled, but not enough to hurt wearing qualities. Made of materials, cheviot and percale. No mail orders.	Good wearing materials, cheviots and worsteds. Hundreds of pretty patterns to select from, including the ever popular plaid and plain blues. These suits are handsomely trimmed with 2 rows of military buttons, pretty chevrons and patent leather belt. Sizes 2½ to 10 years. Regularly \$2.50.	Plain blue and fancy mixes. Cut extra full. Have tapes, seams and patent waist bands. Made to stand extra hard wear. Sizes 6 to 16 years. Would be cheap at 39c.



Read Every Item of This "Ad," the Most Remarkable Values in Muslin Underwear

Every woman in New York who knows the value of materials used in making this underwear will instantly realize that we will sell garments made up for less than cost of materials if bought by the yard.

Extra Special 19c Corset Covers

Nainsook covers with round necks; prettily trimmed with sample embroidery or double rows of Valenciennes lace insertions with ribbons; often sold as high as 25c each. Extra 9c

25c Drawers

Muslin, made with full ruffles, finished with full hem; 12c

Gowns

Of nainsook or cambric, in a variety of styles. Prettily trimmed with lace, wide lace, dainty lace, deep lace flounces, headed with embroidery heading and ribbons. Value \$1.00. Extra 59c

Corset Covers

Samples, in a variety of styles, some with prettily trimmed yokes with fine Valenciennes lace and wide embroidery insertions with ribbons; all sizes; value 35c; at 19c

Drawers

Of excellent quality cambric, round, V or high necks, prettily trimmed with several rows of embroidery, lace insertions, ribbons and ruching; full widths; 23c

Petticoats

Of excellent cambric, in a variety of styles. Prettily trimmed with lace, wide lace, dainty lace, deep lace flounces, headed with embroidery heading and ribbons. Value \$1.00. Extra 89c

Hemstitched Table Cloths

Elegant quality mercerized damask, beautiful high satin lustre; snow white. For large size round or square tables. Pretty new designs. Regularly \$1.00; special, 69c

10,000 Yards Lonsdale Cambric

Very best quality; full yard wide. Fine soft finish; especially adapted for women's fine undergarments and children's dresses, etc. Regularly 15c; special, 10c

Hemmed Crochet Bed Spreads

Heavy quality; for double size beds; will wash easily; pure white. For large size round or square tables. Pretty new designs. Regularly \$1.00; special, 69c

2,500 Dozen Bed Sheets

At remarkably low prices. Purchased months ago, when cotton goods were lower. Sizes mentioned are the sizes before hemmed. Some of the specials

Seamless sheets, size 54x90; value 50c

Seamed sheets, size 78x90; value 50c

Seamless sheets, extra heavy quality, size 81x90. Value 50c; each, 39c

Roller Towing

Bleached twill roller or dish toweling; heavy and absorbent. Value 3c. Limit 15 yards. No mail orders. Yard... 28c

500 Dozen Linen Finish Towels

Extra large size; heavy quality; will give good wear; improves with every washing; white with neat red borders; values 14c each

15,000 Yards Unbleached Towels

Heavy quality round thread; will wash easily and bleach white. Limit 20 yards. No mail orders; val 6c. Yard 31c

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